Assembly Bill No. 1062

CHAPTER 653

An act to add Section 17282.5 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1062, Ma. School facilities: uniform standards: solar design plans. Existing law requires, except for certain specified circumstances, the Department of General Services to supervise the design and construction of any school building or the reconstruction or alteration of, or addition to, any school building to ensure that the plans and specifications comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the department and the applicable requirements of the California Building Standards Code.

This bill would require the Division of the State Architect in the Department of General Services, on or before January 1, 2010, to develop uniform criteria for precheck approval processes for solar design plans for a school facility that comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the department and the applicable requirements of the California Building Standards Code. The Department of General Services would be required to complete review of solar design plan applications submitted by a school district that conform with the standards within 45 calendar days of the receipt of a complete application and to act on corrected complete applications within 10 calendar days of their submission for approval.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17282.5 is added to the Education Code, to read: 17282.5. (a) On or before January 1, 2010, the Division of the State Architect within the Department of General Services shall develop uniform criteria for precheck approval processes for solar design plans, including structural plans and calculations, for a school facility that comply with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this article and building standards published in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. The criteria shall include provisions to ensure fire and life safety.

(b) The Department of General Services shall complete review of solar design plan applications submitted by a school district that conform with the criteria established pursuant to subdivision (a) within 45 calendar days of the receipt of a complete application. If the Department of General Services requests an applicant to submit a corrected application, the

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Department of General Services shall act on the corrected application within 10 calendar days of the date the applicant submits the corrected complete application to that department for approval.